

*Pick up your free biodegradable bags at the following locations beginning **October 17:***

 **City Hall**  
301 King Street

 **Solid Waste Division**  
3600 Wheeler Avenue



**Compost leaves and yard waste.**

Composting takes advantage of nature's recycling to make a valuable organic supplement.

***Want to learn more about composting?***

Call the Virginia Extension Service Office at (703) 228-6400. Free classes available.

***For More Information:***

Solid Waste Division (703) 519-3486

Leaf Collection Information Hotline

(703) 519-3453

[www.alexandriava.gov](http://www.alexandriava.gov)

Channel 70

<http://enews.alexandriava.gov>



Transportation and Environmental Services  
Solid Waste Division  
133 South Quaker Lane  
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

**2006  
Leaf Collection  
Will Begin  
October 30<sup>th</sup>**

**When will we be in your neighborhood?**

**Check our website at  
[www.alexandriava.gov](http://www.alexandriava.gov)  
or call our**

**NEW  
Leaf Collection  
Information Hotline  
at (703) 519-3453  
and New Biodegradable  
Bag Program**

Pres-sorted Standard  
U.S. Postage  
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Merrifield, VA  
Permit No. 1502

## Three ways to recycle your leaves!



**Rake your leaves to the curbside for vacuum truck collection.**

*\* Starting Monday, October 30, 2006*

### Proper Preparation

**Remove** stones, litter, branches or other debris. These items can damage our equipment and could hurt our workers!

**Avoid** placing leaves in front of storm drains or water meter covers. Move parked cars off of leaf piles.

**Avoid** using plastic bags because they will not be recycled through our leaf collection program.

**Please** rake leaves into a pile(s) at the curb, it enables crews to move more quickly and collect leaves more efficiently.

**Leaves need to be visible** at the curblin of the street, **not in alleys or service roads.**

During peak leaf season, crews will focus on removing large leaf piles. **Please be patient as loose leaves may be left until the next pass through your neighborhood.**

Whenever possible, please try to rake leaves into a pile(s) at the curb, rather than spreading them loosely along the curblin. When the leaves are in large piles, City crews can move more quickly through the neighborhoods and collect leaves more efficiently.

#### Please Note:

Leaves must be raked out the day **BEFORE** the earliest collection day scheduled for your area. Our schedule is greatly affected by the weather and rate of leaf fall. Crews work Monday through Saturday and holidays except Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. Leaf collection is just one of many duties of our crews. Crews may be pulled away from leaf collection to support the snow removal operation.

## 2006 Leaf Collection Service Areas and Collection Schedule

Refer to map to identify your collection area.  
Crews may take two or more days to finish an area,  
**but they will only pass your address once**  
each assigned collection period.

### Area I

Rake leaves into  
street by: Start  
Nov. 3.....Nov. 4  
Nov. 21.....Nov. 22  
Dec. 9.....Dec. 11

### Area III

Rake leaves into  
street by: Start  
Oct. 29.....Oct. 30  
Nov. 15.....Nov. 16  
Dec. 4.....Dec. 5

### Area V

The downtown crew starts on October 30th on the north side of Old Town and moves toward the south side. The pickup for this area will be repeated each week throughout the collection period.

### Area II

Rake leaves into  
street by: Start  
Nov. 7.....Nov. 8  
Nov. 25.....Nov. 27  
Dec. 13.....Dec. 14

### Area IV

Rake leaves into  
street by: Start  
Nov. 11.....Nov. 13  
Nov. 30.....Dec. 1  
Dec. 18.....Dec. 19



**Place leaves in biodegradable bags.**

From October 30th though January 5th, bags will be collected one business day after your regular refuse collection day.

### Proper Preparation

Use only biodegradable bags for leaves because they may be shredded and processed with the leaves into mulch.

Remove dirt, stones, litter and other debris from leaves before placing in bags.

#### Remember!

Leaves placed in plastic bags will not be recycled through our leaf collection program.

Yard waste and leaves in plastic bags will be disposed of at the Waste-to-Energy Plant.

